

SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Austria REPORT TOPIC General Military Information

50X1-HUM

DATE PREPARED 18 December 1952PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS REF ID: A66001
DO NOT CIRCULATE

50X1-HUM

Kaisersteinbruch.

1. On 20 August 1952, 12 AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzle brakes, 23 trucks, 2 van-like trucks and 3 jeeps were parked in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). Eight artillery pieces, 8 standard trucks, 4 trucks with high side-boards and 3 van-like trucks were on the hill east of the installation. Officers observed at the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch, on the south side of the road to Sommerein (P 48/X 67), included 2 colonels, one with black-bordered red epaulets, and the other with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and four lieutenant colonels, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Jeep with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets was parked in front of the installation.¹

50X1-HUM

St. Poelten.

2. On 18 August, imprints of track-laying vehicles were observed leading from Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) to the St. Poelten railroad station where troops were loaded on two trains. The first train consisted of 4 boxcars, with soldiers wearing mostly red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets, and an unidentified number of flatcars with T-34 tanks 4 AT guns, 12 AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzle brakes, van-like trucks 3 other van-like trucks, 19 trucks,

50X1-HUM

and truck with a field kitchen. All the drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. At 5:50 p.m., the train left toward Tulln (O 49/S 10). The second train carried T-34 tanks 2 four-wheel light armored scout cars, 5 trucks, 4 van-like trucks, 1 bus and 1 tank truck. At 7:05 p.m., this train also left toward Tulln.²

50X1-HUM

3. On 19 August, 15 van-like trucks, 26 trucks, 7 tank trucks and 5 jeeps were observed in the garages at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in St. Poelten which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Truck and jeep driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht. Jeep was observed in the garage west of this installation. Van-like truck from the Franz Josef Kaserne stood in front of the army post office. The driver wore red-bordered black epaulets. The military installation at the intersection of Schwaighofer Strasse and Werner Strasse was guarded by a sentry wearing red-

50X1-HUM

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SECRET

50X1-HUM

- 2 -

bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The installation was connected with Camp Spratzern and the komendatura in St. Poelten by telephone lines. Officers were seen walking between the installation and Camp Spratzern.

4. On 19 August, motor vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern included jeeps [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and truck [redacted] with a driver who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [redacted] occupied by a driver with red-bordered black epaulets and a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, went from Camp Spratzern to the military installation on Schwaighofer Strasse.

50X1-HUM

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 95th (do) litz Rifle Div which probably went to the Boellersheim troop training grounds.

SECRET